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PASSIVATION OF A SULPHURIZED HYDROCONVERSION CATALYST**Pierre Dufresne and Franck Labruyère****A B S T R A C T**

The present invention concerns a process for ex situ oxidizing passivation of hydrocarbon hydroconversion catalysts, in particular for hydrotreatment in their sulphurized states, in which the sulphurized catalyst undergoes two treatments: contact with an oxidizing gas stream, and contact with an organic liquid (for example hydrocarbon) which partially fills its pores.